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RE: Restriction Requirement for
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In re the Application of

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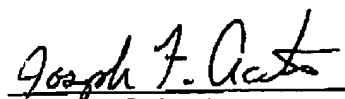
Response to 10/28/2005
Restriction Requirement

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Restriction Requirement

In order to be fully responsive to this restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects claims 1-30, 139, and 140 (Invention I), drawn to a composition comprising an anti-coagulating agent and a stabilizing agent. In response to the election of a single disclosed species to restrict if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, applicant has selected EDTA as the anti-coagulant (claim 3), imidazolidinyl urea as a formaldehyde donor for the stabilizing agent (claim 7), and chromium as a heavy metal (claim 11). Applicant respectfully reserves the right to present any of the remaining non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

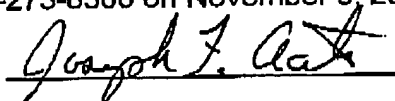
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